

## **Topic: Ways of Preventing Electoral Malpractices in Nigeria**

### **Consequences of Electoral Malpractice**

1. Unpopular people will become leaders
2. They will use their thuggery and intimidation lifestyle on people
3. Hooligans who brought them to power would be the people they appoint in charge of things
4. Tribal and ethnic sentiments would be used in selecting and executing government projects
5. Money meant for projects will be diverted and embezzled
6. Those in power will do all to eliminate their opposition
7. The level of illiteracy and poverty will continue

### **How to Prevent Electoral Malpractice/Solution to Electoral Malpractice**

The following are the ways by which electoral malpractices can be prevented

1. Arrest and prosecution of people who violate electoral laws.
2. Swearing exercise should not be done until all petitions are disposed of at election tribunals.
3. Corrupt law enforcement should be dealt with and if possible sacked from service
4. Customization of ballot papers in the form of putting the computer information about a registered voter on the ballot paper to prevent multiple voting.
5. The use of advanced information technology such as computers and forensic machine for detection of fingerprints will reduce the act of multiple registrations.
6. There should be programmes to educate majority, so as to reduce the level of illiteracy in the country
7. A person found guilty in electoral malpractices should be banned from politics for life.
8. Honest men and women should be appointed into the electoral institution to conduct elections
9. There should be stringent measures against electoral malpractices
10. Pressure groups should rise up from all quarters to oppose electoral malpractices
11. There should be a programme to educate the majority.
12. Opposition parties should not relent and make sure things are done in the right way